

The present policy regarding the forced early retirement of professional pilots is blatant Age Discrimination. Illegal Age Discrimination. There is no body of evidence to indicate that pilots who fly beyond age 60 are in any way less safe. In fact, the FAA has knowingly ignored the recommendations of the 1980 National Institute of Aging panel...which would have allowed pilots to fly for part 121 carriers beyond age 60.

The FAA's own pilots fly beyond age 60. And this fact should be enough by itself...to any reasonable person...to eliminate the age 60 rule.

For years the FAA has attempted to hide from the truth. It is obviously a fear of liability issue....no one at the FAA wants to be the first to stand up and publicly have the courage to eliminate the age 60 rule. It is time for this arbitrary, undocumented, politically motivated policy to end.

Fear or not...age discrimination is illegal.

I can pass a FAA First Class medical examination every six months....I am in a flight simulator every six months...dealing with emergencies of all sorts. I can safely fly a Boeing full of passengers around bad weather to a safe landing in CAT IIIA conditions (700 ft visibility and a 50 ft over touchdown zone decision height)...and then go home to a birthday party which robs me of the profession I love. Unqualified to fly after 60?? Of course not!

Please remove this policy from the books....correct a wrong...and allow those who really enjoy flying the opportunity to continue their professional careers. You will hear from those at ALPA who would rather be playing golf....would you rather have one of them in the cockpit of your flight? (Would you rather have a surgeon operating on you...who would rather be watching a ball game?) Those who want to quit at age 60 should have quit even earlier. They can quit at any time.

Please don't discriminate against me and others because of our age.

Please help pass S361 and HR 448 in Congress.

Respectfully,

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